

Entrance and Exit Requirements for Focus Districts

Number: In 2011-12, 17 districts were identified as Focus Districts (10% of 173 school districts).

Eligibility Criteria: 703 KAR 5:225, Section 1 (5) defines **Focus Districts** as districts that have a **non-duplicated student gap group score in the bottom ten (10) percent** of non-duplicated student gap group scores in all districts.

Exit Criteria: In order to exit from **Focus District** status, the district's non-duplicated student gap group score shall be above the lowest ten (10) percent of non-duplicated student gap group scores in all districts.

2012-2013:

At the end of the 2012-2013 school year, the 17 Focus Districts will have been identified for one year, and will have been working under first year consequences. Upon receipt of new assessment scores, the Office of Assessment and Accountability will provide the list of districts and the determination of which districts are in the bottom ten (10) percent of non-duplicated student gap group scores for all districts. Any Focus Districts that are no longer on the list will exit Focus District status. The number of exiting Focus Districts will be replaced with new Focus Districts until the number of districts that make up 10% has been reached (currently 17). Eligibility will be determined by taking the lowest-ranking newly-identified districts on the list until the number has been reached. Districts remaining in Focus status for a second year will be operating under second year consequences, while newly-identified districts will be operating under first year consequences.

2013-2014:

The exiting and identification process will continue. Third year districts will be operating under third year consequences, second year districts will be operating under second year consequences, and newly identified districts will be operating under first year consequences.

2014-2015:

The exiting and identification process will continue. Districts will operate under the consequences required for the number of years they have been identified as a Focus District.

2015-2016:

The exiting and identification process will continue. Districts will operate under the consequences required for the number of years they have been identified as a Focus District.

Entrance and Exit Chart for Focus Districts

Focus District/Exit Requirements	2011-12 baseline year	2012-13- First year as Focus District ¹	2013-14- Second Year as Focus District ² – Can exit?	2014-15- Third year as Focus District ³ - Can exit?	2015-16- Fourth year as Focus District ⁴ - Can exit?	2016-17-Fifth year as Focus District - Can exit?	2017-18- Sixth year as Focus District - Can exit?	2018-19- Seventh year as Focus District - Can exit?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met Exit criteria (district's non-duplicated student gap group score shall be above the lowest ten (10) percent of non-duplicated student gap group scores in all districts) 	Initial identification at end of year	YES (KDE identifies new FDs until the 10% number (currently 17) is reached	YES (KDE identifies new FDs until the 10% number (currently 17) is reached	YES (KDE identifies new FDs until the 10% number (currently 17) is reached	YES (KDE identifies new FDs until the 10% number (currently 17) is reached			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not meet exit criteria 	Initial identification at end of year	If NO, must remain another year	If NO again, must remain another year.	If NO for 3d year, must revise CSIP per 703 KAR 225, Sec. 7 (3) requirements	If NO for 4th year, must revise CSIP per 703 KAR 225, Sec. 7 (4) requirements			

Consequences:

¹First year Focus Districts are required, upon notice of their status by the Commissioner, to revise the CDIP within 90 days of notice, and they must address the overall CDIP requirements in Section 9 and the additional CDIP requirements for Focus Districts in Section 9 (6).

²Second year Focus Districts are required, upon notice of their status by the Commissioner, to revise the CDIP, and must address the overall CDIP requirements in Section 9 and the additional CDIP requirements for Focus Districts in Section 9 (6).

³Third year Focus Districts must, upon notice of their status by the Commissioner, revise the CDIP within 90 days of notice, and post the CDIP on the district website. The CDIP must address the overall CDIP requirements in Section 9 and the additional CDIP requirements for Focus Districts in Section 9 (6).

⁴In addition to the third year requirements, Fourth year Focus Districts must also 1) participate in a set of improvement strategies outlined by an accreditation process, 2) If directed by KDE, receive the assignment of a high performing partner district with similar demographics for mentoring, and 3) accept ongoing assistance and resources assigned or approved by KDE.